

Amendment to the Claims

Claims 1 through 10 (Cancelled)

11. (Currently amended) A conveyor belt ~~having~~ comprising at least one spliced joint, said spliced joint comprising a plurality of steel strands and a vulcanizable rubber composition applied to said steel strands, said vulcanizable rubber composition comprising 100 parts by weight of rubber, said rubber comprising from about 1 to about 40 parts by weight of polyoctenamer.

12. (Currently amended) The conveyor belt of claim 11, wherein said ~~vulcanizable~~ rubber composition further comprises at least one additional rubber selected from the group consisting of polychloroprene, poly-epichlorohydrin, polyisobutylene, halogenated-polyisobutylene, natural rubber, polyisoprene, polybutadiene, styrene-butadiene, and blends thereof.

13. (Currently amended) The conveyor belt of claim 11, wherein said ~~vulcanizable~~ rubber composition further comprises at least one additional rubber selected from styrene-butadiene rubber and natural rubber.

14. (Currently amended) The conveyor belt of claim 11, wherein said ~~vulcanizable~~ rubber composition comprises from about 5 to about 30 parts by weight of polyoctenamer.

15. (Currently amended) The conveyor belt of claim 11, wherein said ~~splice~~ spliced joint has a dynamic adhesion rating of at least 50,000 cycles, based on AS-1333, Appendix K.

16. (Currently amended) The conveyor belt of claim 11, wherein said ~~splice~~ spliced joint has a dynamic adhesion rating of at least 75,000 cycles, based on AS-1333, Appendix K.

17. (Currently amended) The conveyor belt of claim 11, wherein said ~~splice~~ spliced joint has a dynamic adhesion rating of at least 100,000 cycles, based on AS-1333, Appendix K.

18. (Currently amended): The conveyor belt of claim 11, wherein said ~~splice~~ spliced joint has a dynamic adhesion rating of at least 50,000 cycles, based on AS-1333, Appendix K, wherein the dynamic adhesion is measured at a frequency of 10 cycles/80 seconds with a

minimum load of 6 percent of the static pullout force and a maximum load of 50 percent of the static pullout force.

19. (Currently amended) The conveyor belt of claim 11, wherein said ~~splice~~ spliced joint has a dynamic adhesion rating of at least 75,000 cycles, based on AS-1333, Appendix K, wherein the dynamic adhesion is measured at a frequency of 10 cycles/80 seconds with a minimum load of 6 percent of the static pullout force and a maximum load of 50 percent of the static pullout force.

20. (Currently amended): The conveyor belt of claim 11, wherein said ~~splice~~ spliced joint has a dynamic adhesion rating of at least 100,000 cycles, based on AS-1333, Appendix K, wherein the dynamic adhesion is measured at a frequency of 10 cycles/80 seconds with a minimum load of 6 percent of the static pullout force and a maximum load of 50 percent of the static pullout force.

21. (New) The conveyor belt of claim 11, wherein said conveyor belt further comprises a rubber body, and said steel strands are at least partially coated with rubber from said rubber body.